IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 9 and 35 in accordance with the following:

1-8.   (CANCELED)

9.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of integrating multiple systems comprising:
encoding a first variable set directed to a first system into transaction data using a ~~parameter-based~~ mapper file directed to a selected target system ~~of~~ among a plurality of target systems, said mapper file defining the first variable set with respective values into a second variable set;
decoding the transaction data into ~~a~~the second variable set directed to the selected target system by mapping the first variable set to the second variable set having values of different type from said values of the first variable set, using the mapper; and
transmitting the second variable set to the selected target system.

10.   (ORIGINAL) A method recited in claim 9, further comprising storing the transaction data on a transaction database after the encoding, and reading the transaction data from the database before the decoding.

11.   (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the transmitting further comprises identifying an application programming interface for the selected target financial system.

12.   (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the transmitting further comprises transmitting the second variable set to the identified target system using the identified application programming interface.

13.   (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein each of the plurality of target systems has a respective mapper.

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14.   (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the mapper stores a relation between the first variable set and the second variable set.

15.   (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the first system is an electronic procurement system.

16.   (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the first system is a hosted electronic procurement system.

17.   (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the first system is a shared executable hosted electronic procurement system.

18.   (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein each of the plurality of target systems has a respective application programming interface.

19.   (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the mapper is a file generated automatically by a mapper generation program.

20.   (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the first variable set and the second variable set both comprise variables and the variables' respective values.

21-34. (CANCELED)

35.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable storage medium, storing a computer program to instruct a computer to perform operations including of integrating multiple systems comprising:

encoding a first variable set directed to a first system into transaction data using a parameter based mapper file directed to a selected target system of among a plurality of target systems, said mapper file defining the first variable set with respective values into a second variable set;

decoding the transaction data into a the second variable set directed to the selected target system by mapping the first variable set to the second variable set having values of

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different type from said values of the first variable set, using the mapper; and

transmitting the second variable set to the selected target system.

36.   (ORIGINAL) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 35, further comprising storing the transaction data on a transaction database after the encoding, and reading the transaction data from the database before the decoding.

37.   (ORIGINAL) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 35, wherein the transmitting further comprises identifying an application programming interface for the selected target financial system.

38.   (ORIGINAL) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 35, wherein the transmitting further comprises transmitting the second variable set to the identified target system using the identified application programming interface.

39.   (ORIGINAL) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 35, wherein each of the plurality of target systems has a respective mapper.

40.   (ORIGINAL) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 35, wherein the mapper stores a relation between the first variable set and the second variable set.

41.   (ORIGINAL) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 35, wherein the first system is an electronic procurement system.

42.   (ORIGINAL) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 35, wherein the first system is a hosted electronic procurement system.

43.   (ORIGINAL) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 35, wherein the first system is a shared executable hosted electronic procurement system.

44.   (ORIGINAL) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 35, wherein each of the plurality of target systems has a respective application programming interface.

45.	(ORIGINAL) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 35, wherein the mapper is a file generated automatically by a mapper generation program.

46.	(ORIGINAL) A computer readable storage medium as recited in claim 35, wherein the first variable set and the second variable set both comprise variables and the variables' respective values.

47-61. (CANCELED)